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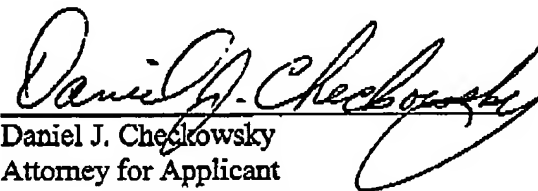
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 25-0115.

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, wherein the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement between the following:

Group I: Figure 2; and

Group II: Figure 3.

Applicant, through his attorney, elects Embodiment I encompassing Figure 2 with traverse. The restriction requirement is traversed on the grounds that the controller described schematically in figure 2 is also be used to control operation of the clock mechanism shown in figure 3. Figure 2 is a block diagram of a control circuit that may be used with any embodiment of the present invention (see paragraph [0013] of the specification). Secondary clock (108) shown in figure 3 includes control assembly (162) (see Fig. 2), which is located on printed circuit board (136) of secondary clock mechanism (108) (see paragraph [0036] of the specification. Control assembly (162), as shown in Figure 2, is just one of the components that

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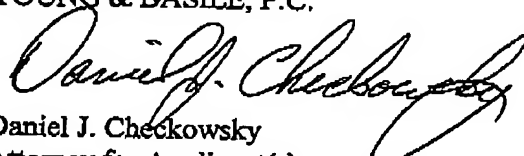
makeup the secondary clock (108), as shown in Figure 3. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Examiner's restriction requirement is requested.

Claims 1-52 read on the elected Group I, which are drawn to the control device shown in Figure 2.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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